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SUBJECT: MOZAMBICAN VICE PRESIDENT VISITS MOGADISCIO

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1. MOZAMBICAN VICE PRESIDENT MARCELLINO DOS SANTOS MADE A FLYING VISIT TO MOGADISCIO ON OCTOBER 4 FOR TALKS WITH GSDR OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SOMALI PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE. ACCORDING TO THE SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY (SONNA), DOS SANTOS AND SIAD DISCUSSED "THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ALREADY PROFOUND RELATIONS" BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE AND SOMALIA, THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

2. AT A PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE, DOS SANTOS CLAIMED THAT SOUTH AFRICA AND UNNAMED "IMPERIALISTS AND COLONIALISTS" WERE ATTEMPTING TO HINDER MOZAMBIQUE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE ALSO SAID THE IMPERIALISTS (PRESUMABLY THE SAME ONES) WERE ABUSING THE VETO POWER IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO "SUPPRESS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES".

3. COMMENT: DOS SANTOS' VISIT PROBABLY WAS DESIGNED TO FILL IN THE SOMALIS ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHICH THE GSDR AND ITS SOVIET PATRONS SEE AS

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RESTRAINING A FURTHER ADVANCE OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE

REGION. IT IS INTERESTING THAT DOS SANTOS MENTIONED
THE USE OF THE VETO. THIS IS THE THIRD MENTION OF IT IN
THE LAST FEW DAYS -- THE OTHERS APPEARED IN A SONNA EDITORIAL
AND THE SDR/GDR COMMUNIQUE AT THE END OF WILLI STOPH'S
VISIT HERE -- AND SUGGESTS THAT THE SOMALIS AND/OR THE
SOVIETS MAY BE PREPARING TO PRESS THIS ISSUE IN INTER-
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